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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the settlement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. After three long years of litigation, I was pleased to hear that the Justice Department had finally found an agreeable mediation. Too much money has already been squandered over this issue. Any more waste of taxpayer dollars is unconscionable in my opinion. I urge the Justice Department to enact the settlement at the end of January.

Microsoft has made many concessions within the details of this settlement. Microsoft has agreed to license Windows at the same rate to the twenty largest computer manufacturers, which will thereby eliminate competition for rights between producers. In addition to this, Microsoft will also disclose some of the protocols internal to the Windows system. This provides for the design of competing software that is increasingly assimilated into the Windows operating system.

It is clear, then, that Microsoft has made their share of concessions throughout the mediation process. I would hope that the Justice Department recognizes the importance of enacting this settlement. Thank you so much for your time regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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